

Subject No. 29.

Measurement of the annual maintenance work to river channels.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that the annual maintenance work executed to river channels may be ordered to be measured by officers not inferior in rank to Assistant Engineers, as measurement by subordinate officials is often unsatisfactory.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Representation may be made in regard to irregularities in individual cases.

Subject No. 30.

Railing to public roads.

Summary of discussion.—Roads on embankments should, where they are one or two yards above the level of the ground, be provided with wooden railings.

Reply of Government.—No general order is called for. The local Officers will do the needful wherever necessary for the safety of passengers and traffic.

Subject No. 31.

Turfing and earth work to bunds of large tanks.

Summary of discussion.—Turfing and earth work to bunds of large tanks restored to standard may be ordered to be executed by Government.

Reply of Government.—The request is inadmissible.

Subject No. 32.

Inspection lodges and travellers' bungalows.

Summary of discussion.—Inspection lodges and travellers' bungalows have only a single kitchen attached to them. They may be provided with an additional kitchen to accommodate two residents at one and the same time.

Reply of Government.—Whatever is possible is being done.

MUZRAI.

Subject No. 33.

(a) Abolition of Khalsat on Devadaya and Brahmadaaya lands.

Summary of discussion.—(a) The Khalsat leviable on Devadaya and Brahmadaaya and other Inam lands may be remitted once for all.

Mr. Sivappa of Sorab said that the rates of Khalsat should be equalised in all places, and Khalsat could not be abolished together.

Mr. Venkataramaiya of Devanhalli prayed that the temporary suspension of the levy of Khalsat on temple lands should be made permanent.

(b) Remission of Khalsat on minor Inams.

(b) In 1897 it was said that Khalsat would be remitted if proper references of Bijavari were furnished. Such references are generally not found in the original sunnads, and it seems it was not usual to mention Bijavari in sunnads. It is therefore requested that the Khalsat may be remitted.

Reply of Government.—(a) and (b) The question of remitting the Khalsat on Devadaya Inam lands will be settled shortly. As regards the Khalsat on Brahmadaaya Inams, the attention of the representatives is drawn to subjects Nos. 2 and 111 of 1896 and 1897 respectively.

Subject No. 34.

Special prayers to avert calamities of

Summary of discussion.—Special prayers may be arranged for in places of worship State to avert the calamities of the year